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Stamas Bill Prohibiting State from Charging for Public Information Goes to Full Senate

Legislation would ban agencies from using 900 numbers

LANSING- State Senator Tony Stamas, R-Midland, today announced that Senate Bill 180, a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, was passed out of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs with a unanimous vote.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, have been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

“The people of our state work hard for their money, and should not be charged by state agencies for accessing public information,” Stamas said. “If Senate Bill 180 passes, the state will no longer be able to collect this type of income from Michigan’s citizens.”

Senate Bill 180 will now be considered by the full Michigan Senate.